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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. As a result of the amendments listed above, Claims 1-96 remain pending. Claims 47, 54-55, 65-66, 68-70, 87, 89 and 92-95 have been amended.

Restriction

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 13, 2005, Applicant elects Group I identified by the Examiner. Claims 1-86, as amended herein, correspond to the elected Group I. In addition, Claims 87-96 have been amended to bring those claims within Group I as well. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending Claims 1-96 fall within the elected Group I.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

Although amendments have been made, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby. Rather, the amendments are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application, and without prejudice to presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims on the subject matter affected thereby.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the issues raised in the recent Restriction Requirement. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Mark J. Kertz at (949) 721-6318 to resolve such issue(s) promptly.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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